

1944 Program



New Piassa Chautauqua Chautauqua, Illinois



The Lake Wall and Chautauqua Lighthouse
Erected 1940

Program Begins Saturday, June 24th
Closes Monday, September 4th

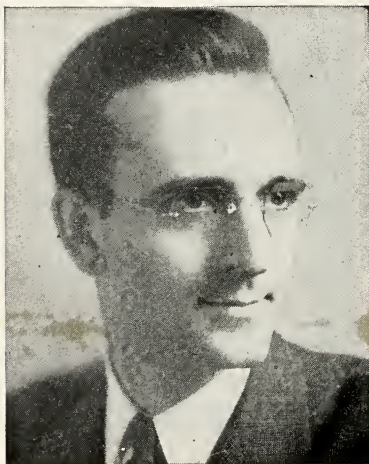
Even many people who are not especially known for their piety nor churchly connections, are coming to realize that the keystone of American Democracy is the Christian Family. Now, as never before, we see many of our loved possessions vanishing. Everywhere about us, history is being written, swiftly and in large letters. And through it all the Christian Family and the Christian Church stand firm.

Because The New Piasa Chautauqua stands for the best in these two traditions, it serves a worthy place in the life of the Middle West. At one time in his gala career, Pres. Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of Chautauqua, New York. Upon leaving he was heard to remark: "This is the most American thing in America." You will leave Piasa Chautauqua with much the same feeling.

In many respects, it is here that the Christian Family and the Christian Church find their highest expression and fulfillment. From a natural viewpoint, this is indeed an unusual spot. It is here that we meet for spiritual fellowship and physical refreshment of the highest type. Those who have been here would perhaps testify that Chautauqua is an experience of the "tie that binds" persons together in Christian faith and love. It is a place of rejuvenation for both body and soul. It stands in an unusual position in the life of today when War Work

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Piasa Chautauqua has great traditions as well as potentialities. These are not dead traditions, nor are they vague potentialities. A few words from one of the old "residents" is sufficient to convince us that Chautauqua has stood for the best down through its history. And those with vision and the courage to face the future unafraid see an even more glorious history. They see, as it were, Chautauqua standing as a bulwark amid the storm and stress of life, bidding men and women come and rest and find new inspiration for life.

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The swimming pool under the management of competent and accredited Life guards will offer to the resort patrons, many happy hours of pleasant and helpful exercise and fun.

Thursday Evening

One of the highlights of the week is the Mid-Week Service conducted by Rev. Haag in the beautiful memorial chapel nestled against the hill. Last year it was gratifying to see the attendance steadily increase throughout the season. Many received inspiration from such Christian themes as Faith, Prayer, Music in Worship, Love, The Bible, and the Christian Church. Old and favorite hymns formed a large part of these services. Several persons found a new thrill in worship through the Seasons of Prayer. You too will find life more zestful and happy after an hour in the quiet of the evening with God and friends.

Bible Study

Two weeks are again set aside for Bible Study. Any adults who wish to study together with Rev. Haag are cordially invited to meet in the auditorium in the morning from 10:00 to 11:30.

The first week of Bible Study will be July 17 to 21. The second will be the week of Aug. 21 to 25. The classes are not unusually large so that each participant has ample opportunity to ask questions and offer pertinent comments. As last year, the first week will be devoted to a study of some book of the Bible. We shall decide in favor of the interest of the group. The second week will be devoted to practical and doctrinal questions brought by the class members, or as they arise from previous discussions.

Sunday Evening

Not at all new, but increasingly popular, is the Sunday Evening Family Night Programs. Mother may have a tea in the afternoon; Dad may delight in his speedboat; Jim may like the swimming pool; and Jane may get a thrill out of the riding horses. But Sunday night we like to reserve for the whole family. Here is one opportunity

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that we feel religion plays so important a part here.

So it is that we have planned for the religious life of the community. It is diversified enough that all may find some place where he or she best fits as a child of God.



The natural beauty and atmosphere of Chautauqua valley is evident to its visitors the very moment they enter its beautiful grounds. Miles of hiking paths or short walks are waiting for those who love the great outdoors.



PIASA SPRING:

Chautauqua's favorite meeting place for a cool refreshing drink of pure sparkling water.

1944 Season — New Piasa Chautauqua

Beginning Saturday, June 24th, the 59th season of Piasa Chautauqua will again offer a program arranged in keeping with existing conditions for the many annual visitors

to this now historic valley. Again a world war with all its perplexities and anxiety to the parents and friends of more than 80 names enrolled on Chautauqua's service flag will cause some curtailment in our resort activities. However, the natural beauty of Chautauqua's peaceful valley with its community spirit and existing friendships among the people of this popular resort offers the opportunity of restful days and a program arranged to please every one.

The Cafeteria

The best of home cooked foods and a cordial greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred awaits you at this popular eating place.

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Sunday Morning

Each Sunday morning numbers of children and adults gather together in the auditorium at 9:30 A.M. for Sunday Church School. There are classes for all ages beginning with the kindergarten and going to the octogenarians, all taught by capable teachers. Songs, reading of the Scripture, memorized Bible verses and many other activities give ample opportunity for the children to express themselves in public.

Outstanding among the religious activities at Chautauqua are the regular Divine Worship Services conducted each Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. So important do we believe this hour for the community that all forms of recreation are prohibited until after the services. Someone has truly said that "Church-going families are happier families." You will find attending services at Chautauqua on Sunday morning a delightful and worshipful experience.

The following services have been scheduled for the season:

- June 25 Rev. Frederick H. Haag
- July 2 Rev. Paul R. Abbott, Jr., Pastor of the Upper Alton Presbyterian Church of Alton, Illinois.
- July 9 Rev. Harold L. Reader, D. D., of Webster Groves, Missouri.
- July 16 Rev. Frederick H. Haag.
- July 23 Rev. Frederick H. Haag.
- July 30 Rev. Martin Klingberg, Pastor of the Richmond Heights Presbyterian Church in one of the suburbs of St. Louis.
- Aug. 6 Rev. Paul R. Zwilling, Superintendent, Evangelical Deaconess Hospital of St. Louis.
- Aug. 13 Rev. Omar F. Whitlock, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Alton, Illinois.
- Aug. 20 Rev. Frederick H. Haag.
- Aug. 27 Rev. Harold L. Reader, D.D.
- Sept. 3 Rev. Frederick H. Haag.

Guest soloists, both from the community and elsewhere, add to the dignity and worshipfulness of these services. Rev. Haag is in charge of all services.

in the busy week to do things with the rest of your household. And there's a real thrill in it. The programs are semi-religious. Last year we found it fun to do a lot of community singing—songs from the gay nineties, new and stirring patriotic numbers, pep songs, popular melodies of today and yesterday, and old favorite hymns. Variety numbers by the audience, stunts, outside artists all make for a very enjoyable interlude on Sunday evening for about an hour.

Children's Recreation

Most parents find relief in knowing that their children are under competent supervision. Although motor traffic in the grounds is limited to a minimum, yet parents do not like their children running "loose" on the streets. Aimless play is not particularly interesting to boys and girls, anyhow.

Mr. Haag meets with the boys each week-day morning from 10:00 to 12:30 for planned recreation. Swimming parties are arranged for the afternoons, competitive games, all day hikes or boat excursions to such places as scenic Pere Marquette Park near Grafton, nature hikes, ball games, are among the many diversions for the boys. Boat trips are also arranged. If your child has difficulty getting along with other children, here is a fine opportunity for group participation where many of these difficulties are removed. At times programs or hikes are arranged with the girls of the community for this same worthwhile purpose. Many of the boys found geological fossils and formations, unusual trees and plants, habitats of birds and other wild life, interesting when pointed out. Others liked blue-printing of plant leaves for permanent record of their nature jaunts. There is absolutely no charge to the parents for this service.

The Station

The ever popular station refreshment stand in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stalder will again be the meeting place for its many friends.

The Kentucky Home

Mrs. Kathryn Burnett will again offer her Chautauqua patrons the best of meals during the 1944 season. Delightful rooms and meals await you at this ever popular vacation home.

Grocery Store

The Harold Brainerd Family will conduct the Chautauqua Food Shop with the same courteous service and complete line of food stuff and sundries.

Play School

Miss Edith Christine Woodrow, of Jerseyville, Illinois, will be in charge of the Play School for children throughout the 1944 season.

Music

Miss Betty Holman, of St. Louis, will be the accompanist and arrange the music for community singing and religious services.

Newstand and Postcard Shop

The Postcard and Souvenir Shop will be in charge of Mrs. F. A. Behymer, of Lebanon, Illinois. Daily newspapers and souvenir postcards will be available and the many friends of Mrs. Behymer will welcome her again this year.

The Chautauqua Grounds are owned and operated by the New Piasa Chautauqua Association, and every person remaining on, or entering the same must have a ticket purchased from the Association. The Association reserves the right, at all times, to limit the sale of tickets.

ANNUAL TICKETS (for 12 months from June 1st to May 31st)

Adult.....\$8.00 Child.....\$3.50

WEEK TICKETS (good for one full week from time of issuance)

Adult.....\$2.00 Child.....\$0.75

WEEK-END TICKETS (from Friday P.M. to Monday A.M.)

Adult.....\$1.00 Child.....\$0.50

DAY TICKETS (not including Saturday during the summer)

Adult.....\$0.35 Child.....\$0.15

FROM SEPTEMBER 15th to MAY 31st

Adult.....\$0.15 Child.....\$0.10

SATURDAY NIGHT

Adult.....\$0.75 Plus Federal Tax.

GUEST TICKETS, good for one year, will be sold for \$8.00 to the holders of two or more annual tickets; they are restricted to the use of House Guests of the Purchaser and cannot be transferred.

CHILD TICKETS will be sold to those 14 years of age and under.

HELP TICKET—\$3.00 for the season.



The Springs Hotel with Mrs. Price Shoemaker as Hostess will again welcome the many annual guests.

The newly furnished third floor with screened sleeping alcoves will give the much needed additional space.

The Ladies Civic Improvement Association sponsors the management and each Tuesday welcome their many guests at the evening Bridge party.

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